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SUBJECT: NORDIC PRIME MINISTERS MEETING: OSLO, JANUARY 31, 1975

1. IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING NORDIC COUNCIL SESSION IN REYKJAVIK, LATEST MEETING OF NORDIC PRIME MINISTERS IN OSLO FOLLOWED THE TRADITION OF PERIODIC, CORDIAL AND USUALLY UNEVENTFUL CONSULTATIONS PRODUCING NEITHER SURPRISES NOR MAJOR INITIATIVES. ALTHOUGH ALL FIVE NODICS ATTENDED, ONLY NORWAY, SWEDEN AND ICELAND WERE ACTUALLY REPRESENTED ON LEVEL OF PRIME MINISTER. MINISTERS FOR NODIC CO-OPERATION WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT WAS A DECISION ASSIGNING THE NODIC COUNCIL TASK OF PREPARING DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF A NORDIC INVESTMENT BANK. SUCH A BANK, ACCORDING TO ATTENDEES, COULD BE A VALUABLE SUPPLEMENT TO EXISTING CREDIT INSTITUTIONS IN FINANCING PROJECTS OF MUTUAL NORDIC INTEREST. IN ADDITION, BANK WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COORDINATION ON INVESTMENT MATTERS

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AND MORE EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF EXISTING RESOURCES.

PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI OBSERVED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE MEETING THAT THE INITIAL CONCEPT FOR A NORDIC INVESTMENT BANK WAS NOT BASED ON NORWEGIAN OIL REVENUES.

3. ANOTHER ITEM OF INTEREST STRESSED IN COMMUNIQUE WAS NECESSITY FOR CLOSE COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY RESOURCES POSSESSED BY THE NORDIC COUNTRIES. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ICELAND EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN PURCHASING NORWEGIAN OIL RATHER THAN RELYING ON ITS PRESENT SOVIET SUPPLIER AS WELL AS IN MORE SUBSTANTIAL NORWEGIAN INVESTMENT IN ICELAND.

4. PRIME MINISTERS ALSO (A) DISCUSSED ECONOMIC TRENDS, INCLUDING MEASURES TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, WHILE LOWERING RATE OF INFLATION; (B) AGREED TO INCREASE COOPERATION IN NORDIC LABOR MARKET AREA; (C) NOTED PROGRESS TO DATE ACHIEVED THROUGH NORDIC ACTION PROGRAM FIRST PRESENTED TO NORDIC COUNCIL IN 1973; AND (D) AGREED TO EXPLORE NORDIC RAW MATERIAL AND RESOURCE SITUATION FROM A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE. IN ADDITION, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE NATIONS AGREED TO WORK TO STRENGTHEN THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION IN PORTUGAL AND URGED THAT FURTHER ACTION BE UNDERTAKEN ON A BILATERAL BASIS, THROUGH NORDIC COOPERATION AND IN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

5. SENIOR OFFICIALS IN NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE JANUARY 31 MEETING IN OSLO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COSMETICS BUT LITTLE TO THE SUBSTANCE OF NORDIC COOPERATION.

6. SOME DISAGREEMENTS SURFACED IN THE WAKE OF PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING AS NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT DEBATED NORDIC COOPERATION ON FEBRUARY 11. CRITICISM FROM THE FAR LEFTIST SOCIALIST ELECTORAL ALLIANCE (SV) URGED NORDIC ECONOMIC HELP TO ASSIST FAEROES IN BECOMING LESS DEPENDENT ECONOMICALLY ON DENMARK, NORDIC SUPPORT FOR ICELANDS' 200-MILE FISHERIES LIMIT AND, ON THE FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY SIDE, "NORDIC NEUTRALITY". LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OIL AND ENERGY POLICY WAS THE OTHER AREA OF DISCUSSION WITH CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS CRITICAL OF ANY POLICY THAT WOULD OFFER NORWEGIAN OIL TO OTHER NORDICS ON A NON-COMMERCIAL BASIS AND ASKING WHETHER FULL DANISH AND SWEDISH MEMBERSHIP IN IEA, AS OPPOSED TO THE NORWEGIAN SPECIAL FORM OF ASSOCIATION, WOULD ACT AS A RESTRAINT ON THE NEED OR POSSIBILITY FOR NORDIC COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR. BJARTMAR GJERDE, MINISTER FOR NODIC

COOPERATION AND ALSO MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND
ECCLESIASTICAL AFFAIRS IN THE BRATTELI GOVERNMENT, IN-
DICATION THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE VARIATIONS IN IEA
MEMBERSHIP SHOULD PREVENT NORDIC COOPERATION IN THE
ENERGY FIELD AND FIRMLY OPPOSED ANY PROPOSAL TO
BRING FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY PROBLEMS INTO THE
NORDIC COUNCIL. OTHER OPPONENTS OF THE SV PROPOSAL TO
BRING FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY MATTERS INTO NODIC
AFFAIRS MAINTAINED THAT THIS COULD DESTROY RATHER THAN
ENHANCE NORDIC COOPERATION.
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